

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD DIVISION**

CHRIS GATES

PETITIONER

v.

No. 1:19CV35-SA-JMV

ANDERSON JOHNSON, ET AL.

RESPONDENTS

AND

CHRIS GATES

PETITIONER

v.

No. 3:19CV58-SA-JMV

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RESPONDENT

CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

The court has entered a final judgment in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a state court under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or § 2241, or the final order in a proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, and the court, considering the record in the case and the requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 22(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), hereby finds that:

PART A

- ☐ the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

SPECIFIC ISSUE(S):

- **a certificate of appealability should not issue.**

REASONS FOR DENIAL: For the reasons stated in its opinion, the court finds that the Petitioner has failed to “demonstrate that the issues are debatable among jurists of reason; that a court could resolve issues in a different manner; or that the questions are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 n.4, 103 S.Ct. 3383, 3394 n.4, 77 L.Ed.2d 1090 (1993) (superseded by statute) (citations and quotations omitted); 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) (1) and (2).

Specifically, the court finds, for the reasons set forth in its memorandum opinion and final judgment, that the instant petition for a writ of habeas corpus should be dismissed for want of substantive merit and for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted.

SO ORDERED, this, the 17th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Sharion Aycock
U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE